

WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

The second meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Kelley Goes, Chair
Jimmy Gianato
Elaine Harris
B. Keith Fulton
Dr. Jan Fox
Lee Fisher
Michael Keleman
Sonia Chambers
Mike Friloux (via phone)
Dr. Jack McClanahan, representing Dr. Steve Paine

Additional participants:

Sarah Smith
Todd Martin
Jim Wilson

After a quorum was established, Chair Goes welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

Business

Chair Goes asked for the approval of the minutes from the January meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

The next order of business was to form a subcommittee to work on reviewing the received proposals for the broadband consultant EOI. Chair Goes nominated Jimmy Gianato as chair of the subcommittee. Other volunteers to participate in the review were Chair Goes, B. Keith Fulton, Elaine Harris, and Lee Fisher.

It was also noted that the West Virginia Healthcare Authority still has an outstanding report. Sonia Chambers stated that there was a draft ready and the report would be to the Council next week.

At this time, Chair Goes had to leave and the meeting was turned over to B. Keith Fulton.

Presentations

Todd Martin and Jim Wilson from Digital Soup in Elkins, West Virginia presented to the Council on providing broadband to rural West Virginia. Among other things, Mr. Martin gave the Council a history of his company, the options available to rural West Virginians and also the challenges that exist.

The second presenter was Debbie Goldman from the Communication Workers of America. Ms. Goldman spoke to the Council about the Reinvestment and Recovery Act and gave the Council an update on where the federal government was in the process. She also gave information on possibilities for funding that will come from the Recovery Act.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for March 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, Lee Fisher moved that the Council adjourn and Jimmy Gianato seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.